

II. REMARKS

A. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-73 were pending in the case at the time of the Restriction Requirement, with claims 70-73 having been previously withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. In response to the species election requirement, claims 20-25, 30-32, 34-35, 40-41, and 67 are now withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected invention. Therefore, claims 1-19, 26-29, 33, 36-39, 42-66, 68, and 69 are currently under consideration.

B. Response to Species Election Requirement

In response to the species election requirement imposed by the Examiner, Applicant elects, without traverse, anion exchange medium as the species of first chromatographic medium used (medium that retains adenovirus particles from the adenovirus preparation), and dye affinity medium as the species of second chromatographic medium used (medium retaining one or more contaminants from the adenovirus preparation or eluate). Each of claims 1-19, 26-29, 33, 36-39, 42-66, 68, and 69 generically read upon the elected species of first and second chromatographic medium.

Applicant understands that upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. §1.141.

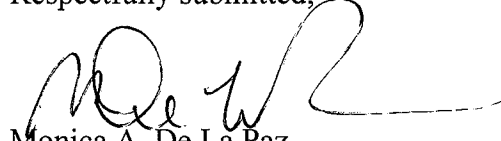
C. Conclusion

Applicant believes that the foregoing is a complete response to the species election requirement. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (512) 536-5639 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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